*Celebrating the Life*

*of*

# *Sandra Ann Mahannah*

*SUNRISE:*
*June 1, 1948*

*SUNSET:*
*April 11, 2003*

***Service***
*Thursday, April 17, 2003*
*11:00 A.M.*

***Officiating***
*Reverend James R. Spearman*

***Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church***
*831 South 43rd Street*
*Richmond, California*

**Order of Service & Obituary**

**Obituary & Precious Memories**

**Precious Memories**

# Order Of Service

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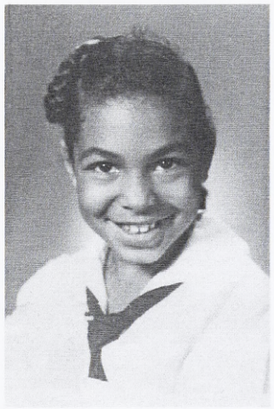
| *Musical Prelude* | |
| *Processional* | *Family* |
| *Scripture* | *Old Testament ..... Psalm 23: 1-6*<br>*New Testament ..... John 14:1-4* |
| *Prayer* | |
| *Selection* | *Dorothy Morrison*<br>*"Ms. Oh Happy Day"* |
| *Acknowledgment of Cards and Resolutions* | *Sister Etta Spearman* |
| *Dramatic Expression* | *Isador Morrison, PhD.* |
| *Selection* | *Kevin Peabody* |
| *Obituary* | *Annette Blanchard* |
| *Family Prayer* | *Annie Jones* |
| *Expressions* | *Family and Friends*<br>*Two Minutes Please* |
| *Selection* | *Phillip Jones* |
| *Eulogy* | *Reverend J.R. Spearman* |
| *Parting View* | *Fuller Funerals Staff* |
| *Recessional* | |

# *Obituary*



Ms. Sandra was born to Clarence and Sadie Alex in Berkeley, California. As a girl, Ms. Sandra was a good student and made many friends. She attended Nystrom Elementary School and graduated from Harry Ells High School in Richmond, California. Ms. Sandra valued education. She earned her Associate in Arts Degree from Contra Costa College in San Pablo, California. She then went on to achieve a bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Management from the prestigious Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California and a Masters of Arts Degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ms. Sandra completed her higher education as an adult student and was very proud of her educational accomplishments.

Ms. Sandra loved the Lord. She was christened at an early age. As an adult she was a loyal and dutiful member of The Love Center under Pastor Walter Hawkins in Oakland, California, until she moved to Los Angeles, California in 1994. In Los Angeles, Ms. Sandra worshiped at AME Church under Pastor Chip Murray until she moved to Las Vegas in 1997. There she worshiped under Bishop House at the Mountain Top Faith Ministries.

Ms. Sandra was an admired wife and mother. In 1971, Ms. Sandra united in holy matrimony with Mr. John Mahannah. They gave birth to two beautiful sons, John, Jr. and Tarik Akil. Ms. Sandra also raised a daughter Ms. Dana Chapman. In 1994, she married Mr. David Miller. In this union, Ms. Sandra contributed to the lives of two stepsons, David, Jr. and Rahim Miller. She took great pride in her children and their accomplishments.

Mr. Sandra was a valued employee. She began her working career at Charles Pfizer in Oakland, California. Ms. Sandra also worked at Bechtel Power Corporation, in San Francisco, Lawrence Livermore Laboratories, in Berkeley, California, American Automobile Association (AAA), and Clark County School District (CCSD) in Las Vegas, Nevada. Her most cherished positions were teaching and private tutoring in CCSD. Here, she tutored and taught special education students, where she believed she made the biggest impact on the lives of others.

Ms. Sandra was an avid traveler. Her travels have taken her to many places. Her favorite places to visit were Nassau; Bahamas; Brazil; Washington, DC; and Egypt. Her only regret is that she did not travel to China. Her frequent traveling companion was Fred Parrot, MD. Ms. Sandra loved traveling and meeting different people, making friends and learning their culture and way of life.

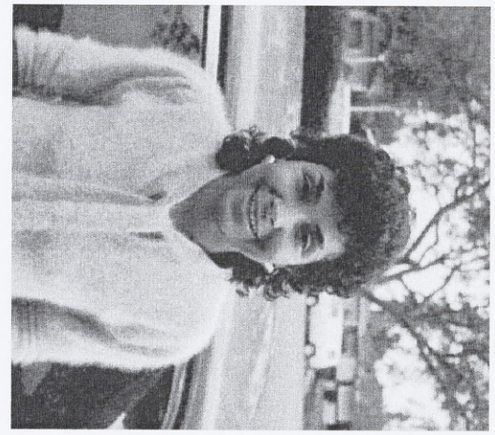
Ms. Sandra owned her own successful travel agency, "Escapades Unlimited Travel," at Escapades, she lived her dream. She was able to travel and tell others about all her wonderful experiences, both domestically and abroad. At Escapades Unlimited, her success derived from her expertise in both travel and business, enabling her to gain the trust of her clientele.

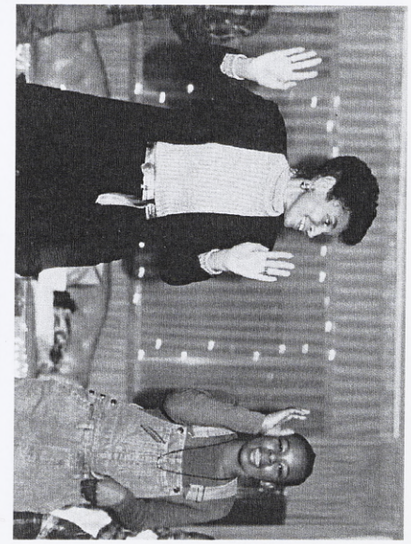
Ms. Sandra loved the Bay Area and spent most of her life here. While in the Bay Area, she volunteered for organizations such as the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame and 100 Black Men. She received numerous awards for her services.

Ms. Sandra always wanted to experience living in Las Vegas, Nevada, and decided to move there in 1997. There she made many wonderful friends whom she embraced as part of her extended family, including Mr. Charles Robinson. She lived in Las Vegas until she became ill in January 2003.

Ms. Sandra was a beautiful, versatile, and extraordinary woman. Everywhere she went people always commented on her great beauty. She was said to resemble Lena Horne. Ms. Sandra always had a warm smile and radiated a special glow. She enjoyed interesting debates and late night conversations with family and friends. She believed in a healthy life style. This included walking, jogging, exercising and eating healthy foods. She enjoyed having fun, including going to shows, plays, concerts, church, bible study and life in general. She was a motivator, and believed life was too short to be depressed. Ms. Sandra had a way of making everybody she came in contact with feel special and would give her last dime to someone in need. She collected Angels and we all believe she was an angel herself flying too close to the ground. She will truly be missed.

Ms. Sandra leaves to cherish her memory two sons, John Mahannah, Jr. of Richmond, California and Tarik Mahannah of Las Vegas, Nevada; her daughter, Dana Chapman of Los Angeles, California; Tenisha Talley of Richmond, California; granddaughters, Melina Mahannah and Tiana Kelley of Richmond, California; grandson, Danté Chapman of Los Angeles, California; her mother and stepfather, Sadie and James Tatum of Richmond, California; her grandmother, Fannie Evans of Richmond, California; two sisters, Esther Alex-Taylor of San Jose, California and Lisa Alexholland, Esq. of Oakland, California; two brothers, Bernard Alex, of Foster City, California and Shelvre Alex of Richmond, California; two brothers-in-law, William Taylor of San Jose, California and George Holland, Jr. Esq. of Oakland, California; Valerie Guillory of Foster City, California; nephews, Kellen and Eugene Taylor, Christopher and Eric Carlisle, Njata "Football" and Yahya Holland; nieces, Bianca and Alice Taylor, and Allyse and Sydney Alex; aunts, Lucille Tatum, Virginia Forté, Lou England Wilson, Johnetta Brown and Barbara Irby; uncles, Floyd Tatum and Lester Joe Jones; long time friends, Annie Jones, Patricia Miller, Patricia Dillion, Alvin Jones, PhD., Fred Parrot MD., Andrea Jones and Isador Morrison, PhD.; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.





## Obituary & Precious Memories

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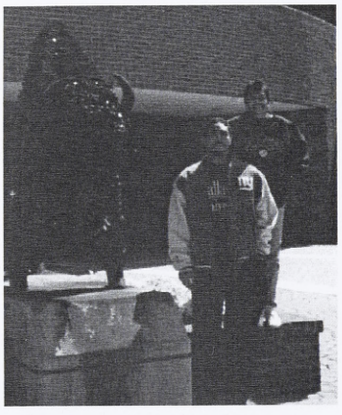

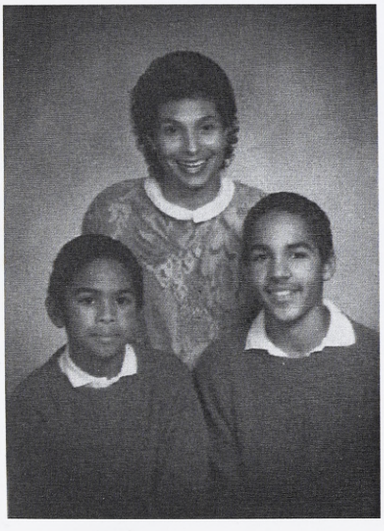

## Active Pallbearers

Charles Robinson
Keilan Johnson
James Crawford
John Mahannah
Ossie McCray, Jr.
Aaron Lampkin

## Honorary Pallbearers

George Holland, Jr., Esq.
Fred Parrot, M.D.
David Miller
Isador Morrison, PhD.
William Taylor
James Tatum
Bernard Alex
Alvin Jones, PhD.

## Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
Richmond, California

*Immediately following the burial, you are cordially invited to join the family for refreshments*
*at*
*H's Lordships Restaurant*
*199 Seawall Drive ~ Berkeley, California*

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

## God Saw You..

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
so He put His arms around you,
and He whispered, "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away,
And though we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands were put to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

## Appreciation

We want to thank you for the love, the deeds, the kind words and thoughts you brought during the sickness and death of our Mother, Grandmother, Daughter, Sister, and friend. She was an Angel! We give all glory to God for the life she lived, the love she shared, and the service she gave.

The Family

## *Acknowledgments*

*Perhaps you made a comforting call or sat quietly in a chair.*
*Perhaps you sent a card or dish of food; If so we saw it there.*
*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could say.*
*Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.*
*Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.*
*Whatever the part, may God bless you. -The Family*